THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) Paragraph 2(b) of the Code of Conduct which is reproduced below, prohibits the Ministers from buying or selling immovable properties to/from Government. "After taking office, and so long as he remains in office, the Minister shall refrain from buying from or selling to, the Government any immovable property except where such property is compulsorily acquired by the Government in usual course."

2. The Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister are the observance authorities for the Code in the case of Chief Ministers and the Chief Minister concerned is the observance authority in the case of State Ministers.

Combating Communal Tension

2115. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to arrest the growth of communal frenzy and communal vandalism in India which are posing a formidable threat to the very fabric of India's unity, integrity, peace and harmony; and

(b) whether Government will come forward to ban all caste based communal Organisations in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Maintenance of public order is a State subject as indicated in List-II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. Preventive action for avoiding communal tension/riots is also to be taken by the State Goernments/UT Administrations. Adequate legal powers are available to them. The Central Government have issued guidelines on this matter. Financial assistance is also given to voluntary organisations for promoting communal harmony. The National Integration Council also has been attempting to find ways and means for combating the evils of communalism.

(b) No Sir.

Facilities for Delhi Police Staff

2116. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any action plan to modernise Delhi Police;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi-Police staff is working under very deep tension;

(d) whether Delhi Police have submitted their demands to Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Modernising of police is a continuous ongoing process. A number of steps have already been taken in this regard. These include modernisation of Communication network; introduction of scientific methods of investigations; training of police officers in handling sophisticated weapons etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Proposals from Delhi Administration for improving the functioning and strengthening of Delhi Police are received from time to time. These are examined keeping in view all the aspects.

Dowry Victimisation cases in Delhi

2117. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of dowry victimisation cases registered in various police stations of Delhi during the year 1991-92;

(b) whether it is a fact that anti-dowry law is not being implemented properly;

(c) Whether any anti-dowry cell is funtioning under Delhi Police; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The number of dowry victimisation cases registered in various police stations in Delhi during the year 1991 and 1992 (up to 15-11-1992) is as under :—

	1991	1992 (upto 15-11-92)
(i) Dowry deaths	126	116
(ii) 406 IPC	120	209
(iii) 498-A IPC	455	502
(iv) Dowry Prohibition Act	5	4

(b) No, Sir

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) The Crime (Women) Cell of Delhi Police earlier known as Anti-Dowry Cell, was set up in 1983. The function of the Cell is to investigate dowry death cases and other cases concerning crimes against women specially crualty by in-laws, non-return of stridhan etc. Besides, the Cell deals with complaints of women in distress harassed by their husbands and in-laws due to dowry demands.

B. S. F. Sector Headquarter in Kishanganj District Bihar

2118. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had decided to establish the Sector Headquartar of Border Security Force in Kishanganj district of Bihar and steps to acquire 152 hectares of land were immediately takan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Rs. 60 lac is to be paid as compensation money for land acquisition which the BSF has to deposit; and

(c) if so, what are the difficulties in immediate disposal of compensation and what are the reasons for delay to establish the proposed sector Headquarter of B.S.F?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (c) It is a fact that it was decided to establish a Sector Headquarters of Bordar Security Force in Kishanganj District and action to acquire 115 hectares, 99 acres and 20 points of land for headquarters of this Sector as well as two Battalions of Border Security Force was initiated. The State Government have assessed the cost of this land as Rs. 57,10,217.13 P. The compensation is to be disbursed by the Land Acquisition Collector after announcement of the award. The Sector headquarters has not been established because the land has not yet been handed over to the Border Security Force.

Legislation of Check Kidnapping

2119. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring any legislation in order to check kidnapping and ransom incidents; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) A Bill to amend the Indian Penal Code to provide for deterrent punishment to persons committing the offence of kidnapping for ransom etc., and to make certain consequential amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 was introduced in this House on 3-12-92.

Reforms in the Prison System

2120. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :